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THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA OF FEBRUARY 28, EDITORIALS SAY THE WEST IS
EQUALLY TO BLAME AS SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE DEATH OF BANNED SOUTH
AFRICAN NATIONALIST LEADER ROBERT SOBUKWE. FOLLOWING ARE
EXCERPTS FROM THE TIMES EDITORIAL:

QUOTE APOLOGISTS OF THE BOOR REGIME MAY TRY TO PERSUADE
THEMSELVES THAT SOBUKWE DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES. THIS WILL
NOT WASH: SOBUKWE WAS KILLED BY APARTHEID AS WERE ALBERT
LUTHULI AND STEVE BIKO.

QUOTE HIS DEATH MAY LEAVE THE LIKES OF JIMMY KRUGER AS
COLD AS THAT OF BIKO, BUT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT IT WILL
STRENGTHEN THE RESOLVE OF THE ENTIRE AFRICA CONTINENT
IN THE HEROIC STRUGGLE AGAINST WHITE SUPREMACY IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA. ...

QUOTE WHAT REMAINS IS FOR THE WEST, WHO ARE THE CHAMPIONS
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OF THE APARTHEID REGIME, TO ANALYSE THEIR RELATIONSHIP
WITH PRETORIA. PRESIDENT NYERERE (TANZANIA) ONLY LAST
WEEK WAS CHASTISING THE FRENCH UNION LEADERS FOR NOT
ADVOCATING AN ECONOMIC BREAK BETWEEN FRANCE AND SOUTH
AFRICA. UNION LEADERS OF ALL WESTERN COUNTRIES MUST
STAND ACCUSED OF THIS CRIME.

QUOTE SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUES ITS BLITHE DEFIANCE OF THE
ENTIRE CIVILISED WORLD BECAUSE OF THE ACTIVE ECONOMIC
SUPPORT IT IS RECEIVING FROM THE WEST. WHEN AFRICA SPEAKS
OF THE MURDERERS OF SOBUKWE IT MAY BE DIFFICULT NOT TO INCLUDE
THD ENTIRE WESTERN WORLD IN THAT INDICTMENT. UNQUOTE.
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